

In Congress, April 14, 1779

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WHEREAS Congress, on the Twenty-first Day of *August* last, did Resolve, That when any Persons are desirous of going within the Enemy's Lines, they shall apply to the Executive Power of the State to which they belong; and if the said Executive Power approve the Motive and characters of the Persons applying, and shall be of Opinion, especially at so critical Conjunctures as the present, that no Danger will ensue by granting such Permission, that they recommend them to the Officer commanding the Troops next to the Enemy, who, upon such Recommendation, may at his Discretion permit the Persons to go in.—For the better Execution of the said Resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT any Officer, who shall permit a Person to go within the Enemy's Lines without such Recommendation, or the Orders of the Commander in Chief, or the Commander of a separate Department, and shall thereof be duly convicted before a Court Martial, shall thereby forfeit his Commission.

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